

THE TWINS

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 Set 3 – 94 words

Building Anticipation – Setting the Context

What do we mean when we say that people are twins? Do you know any twins?

Introduce the book and guide the children through a book-walk. Before they start reading, focus the children's attention on strategies they can use when they come to an unknown word.



Read-Aloud Connection

It's My Birthday! by Pat Hutchins. HarperCollins, 1999.

- A different kind of birthday is celebrated in this unusual family.
- Moira's Birthday* by Robert Munsch. Annick Press, 1995.
- Moira invites every kid in the school to her birthday party. Pizza and cake for two hundred!

Discussion – Book Talk

What reading strategy did you use when you came to an unknown word?

What things were the same for the twins? What was different? If you had a twin brother or sister, would you have things the same? Would you like to be a twin? Why?

Creative Response – Independent Practice

Children can:

- draw and label a picture of their family
- create the Venn diagram on the reproducible master to compare Josh and Sarah. What is the same and what is different?
- design a birthday cake
- go on a compound-word hunt in the classroom, listing all the things whose names are compound words.

Learning About Language - Focused Teaching		
High Frequency Words	looks, said, too	Make these words with movable letters. Practice writing them on an erasable board.
Letters and Letter Clusters	<i>gr</i> — grandfather, grandmother <i>tw</i> — twins <i>B</i> — Birthday <i>b</i> — birthday	Practice saying <i>gr</i> to learn how these two consonants blend when they stand side by side at the beginning of a word. Then practice saying <i>tw</i> .
Rhymes and Word Families	same, game, came, name dog, fog, hog, jog	Make these words using movable letters.
Word Endings	<i>er</i> — teacher, mother, father, grandfather, grandmother	Write these words on chart paper. Brainstorm to create a list of other words that end with <i>er</i> .
Compound Words	birthday, Grandmother, Grandfather	

Venn Diagram

Compare and discuss how the twins are the same and how they are different.

